

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Office of Boards and Commissions (“Office”) hereby gives notice of intent to accept public comment on a preliminary plan to abolish certain boards and commissions.

As part of his efforts to streamline government and ensure we have the proper balance between securing citizen input and governmental efficiency, the Mayor charged the Office with reviewing the more than 200 District boards, commissions, committees, and task forces (“boards”) created by either law or Mayor’s Order over the past many years. The Mayor has asked the Office to make recommendations to him on whether any boards may be abolished. During its review, the Office examined the original intent behind creating the board, whether the board has completed its work, and whether the board is inactive or was never formed.

As a result of its review and with input from the District agencies that provide administrative support to these 200 boards, the Office has preliminarily concluded that certain boards should be abolished, either through a statutory amendment to the District of Columbia Official Code or by a Mayor’s Order depending on how the board was created.

Prior to making its final recommendations to the Mayor, the Office would be pleased to receive public comments on certain boards that are preliminarily being considered for elimination. In addition, the Office welcomes input on another group of boards that has been identified for possible merger, consolidation, or another structure for their operations that is more efficient. These boards are listed at the end of this Notice.

To submit your comments online regarding this proposed action, please go to the website for the Office of Boards and Commissions: www.obc.dc.gov. You will find a link on the Office of Boards and Commissions homepage for the submission of your comments.

Written comments may be submitted until close of business, Friday, October 19, 2012. Mail written comments to: Davida Crockett, Office of Boards and Commissions, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 302, Washington, D.C. 20004.

The Office of Boards and Commissions, requests public comment on the advisability of eliminating the following Boards and Commissions:

1. Advisory Board of Vocational Education and Skills Training:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2002 to prepare and submit a short-term Vocational Education and Skills Training Plan to the Mayor and the Council in support of the Office of Vocational Education and Skills Training within 120 days of October 1, 2002.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: While the statute did not sunset the Advisory Board, it no longer has a function.

Current Operational Status: It is unclear whether Board submitted its plan. The Board is currently inactive.

2. Advisory Committee on Acupuncture:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1986 to develop for the Board of Medicine guidelines for the initial licensing of acupuncturists and acupuncture practice. Under the law, the initial guidance was due by September 1986, which resulted in the District's original regulations on this topic.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: There is no longer a need for a Mayor's Advisory Committee on Acupuncture to the Board of Medicine. Instead, the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) can be amended so that the responsibility is specifically delegated to the Director of the Department of Health and the responsibility could then be sub-delegated to the Administrator of the Health Professional Licensing Administration.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2010. The Advisory Committee is active, but without a full complement of members.

3. Advisory Committee on Anesthesiologist Assistants:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1986 to develop for the Board of Medicine guidelines for the initial licensing and regulation of anesthesiologist assistants. Under the law, the initial guidance was due by September 1985, which resulted in the District's original regulations on this topic.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: There is no longer a need for a Mayor's Advisory Committee on Anesthesiologist Assistants to the Board of Medicine. Instead, the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) can be amended so that the responsibility is specifically delegated to the Director of the Department of Health and the responsibility could then be sub-delegated to the Administrator of the Health Professional Licensing Administration.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2010. The Advisory Committee is active.

4. Advisory Committee on Naturopathic Medicine:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1986 to develop for the Board of Medicine initial guidelines for the licensing and regulation of naturopathic physicians. Under the law, the initial guidance was due by September 1985, which resulted in the District's original regulations.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: There is no longer a need for a Mayor's Advisory Committee on Naturopathic Medicine to the Board of Medicine. Instead, the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) can be amended so that the responsibility is specifically delegated to the Director of the Department of Health and the responsibility

could then be sub-delegated to the Administrator of the Health Professional Licensing Administration.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2009. The Advisory Committee is active, but without a full complement of members.

5. Advisory Committee on Physician Assistants:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1986 to develop for the Board of Medicine initial guidelines for the licensing and regulation of physician assistants. Under the law, the initial guidance was due by September 1986, which resulted in the District's original regulations.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: There is no longer a need for a Mayor's Advisory Committee to the Board of Medicine. Instead, the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) can be amended so that the responsibility is specifically delegated to the Director of the Department of Health and the responsibility could then be sub-delegated to the Administrator of the Health Professional Licensing Administration.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2010. The Advisory Committee is active but without a full complement of members.

6. Advisory Committee on Polysomnography:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2009 to develop for the Board of Medicine initial guidelines for the licensing and regulation of physicians who practice polysomnography. Under the law, the initial guidance was due by January 2010, which resulted in the District's original regulations.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: There is no longer a need for a Mayor's Advisory Committee on Polysomnography to the Board of Medicine. Instead, the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) can be amended so that the responsibility is specifically delegated to the Director of the Department of Health and that the responsibility could then be sub-delegated to the Administrator of the Health Professional Licensing Administration.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2010. The Advisory Committee is active but without a full complement of members.

7. Advisory Committee on Surgical Assistants:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1986 to develop for the Board of Medicine initial guidelines for the licensing and regulation of surgical assistants. Under the law, the initial guidance was due by September 1987, which resulted in the District's original regulations.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: There is no longer a need for a Mayor's Advisory Committee on Surgical Assistants to the Board of Medicine. Instead the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) can be amended so that the responsibility is specifically delegated to the Director of the Department of Health and the responsibility

could then be delegated to the appropriate party, the Administrator of the Health Professional Licensing Administration.

Current Operational Status: With only the Department of Health designee serving, the Committee is inactive.

8. Board of Trustees of the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2000 to manage the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The function of the Board has been completed. All funds in the Trust Fund have now been allocated and no additional funds are expected to be deposited.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2002. The Board of Trustees is inactive.

9. Choice in Drug Treatment Advisory Commission:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2000 to work with the Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (“APRA”) within the Department of Health to advise on approaches to reduce barriers to meaningful choice in drug treatment and to provide D.C. residents with access to substance abuse programs at the treatment provider of their choice.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Commission was never activated. There are other agencies that provide concerted, coordinated outreach, treatment, prevention, and education to the community.

Current Operational Status: No appointments were ever made. This Commission is inactive.

10. Citizen Advisory Committee to the Soil and Water Conservation District:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1982 to preserve and enhance natural resources in the District; to control, reduce, and help alleviate soil erosion, past and prospective damage caused by wind and water erosion, flood waters and sediment; to conserve, improve, and enhance water resources and quality; to protect wildlife; to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the District.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: Since its creation in 2006, the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) now carries out the functions of the committee to protect the District’s groundwater and soil and complies with federal mandates, interstate compacts, and actively engages the community with agency supported education and community outreach programs to promote improved water and soil quality in and around the District. Furthermore, DDOE has created Sustainable DC, an initiative to help the District become the healthiest, greenest, and most livable city in the United States by 2032, with input, and continued support, from stakeholders, residents and leading experts in the field.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2004. This Committee is inactive.

11. College Savings Program Advisory Board:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2001 to advise the Chief Financial Officer on the administration of the College Savings Program, including public information and outreach, implementing regulations, investment policy, and procedures governing applications, account management, and the disbursement of funds.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The College Savings program, administered by Calvert Investments and overseen by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer is well established and effectively operated and is without the need of an advisory board. Moreover, the public outreach programs are in place and largely effective.

Current Operational Status: No appointments have been made since 2005. This Advisory Board is inactive.

12. Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy Task Force:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2007 to consider, within one year, the most effective elements of a comprehensive plan that would lead to the elimination of murder in D.C. and to submit that plan to the Mayor and the Council.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Task Force fulfilled its function with the submission of the comprehensive plan to the Mayor and the Council in 2008. While the statute did not sunset the Task Force upon submission of the report, the Task Force no longer has a function.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2007. The Task Force is inactive.

13. Council on Law Enforcement in the District of Columbia:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1953 to study and appraise crime and law enforcement in the District.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Council's functions are now handled by the many law enforcement agencies in the District of Columbia. The Council was created by Congress during a time when the District did not have legislative authority and is an anachronism from that time that remains part of the D.C. Code.

Current Operational Status: There are no records of when members were last appointed to the Council. The Council is inactive.

14. Criminal Justice Supervisory Board:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1978 to serve as the law enforcement and criminal justice planning agency for the District of Columbia in accordance with the terms of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The duties of the Board have been subsumed by multiple other District public safety agencies including MPD, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice and the Office of the Attorney General.

Current Operational Status: There are no records of when members were last appointed to the Board. The Board is inactive.

15. District of Columbia Cable Television Advisory Committee:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1982 to advise the Mayor and the Council on the design, regulation, and programming of cable systems in the District.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Committee was established when the cable television industry was in its infancy in the District. The mission of the Committee was to coordinate, develop, and implement uniform telecommunications policies, identify and address telecommunication issues affecting the District government, develop uniform policies for the use of the District's public rights-of-way and public structures by wireline and wireless telecommunications companies, and assist in developing telecommunications policies that promote competition and facilitate economic development in the District.

Since that time, the District created a separate Public Access Corporation that programs the reserved public access channels. The District has created DC-Net to handle the District's telecommunications issues and services. The District's three cable operators, RCN, Comcast and Verizon, abide by long term cable franchise agreements that dictate which local government channels are required to be carried on their systems. Moreover, the Office of Cable Television programs three separate channels, one for the Council, the Mayor and the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2010. With 11 of the 13 positions vacant, the Committee is inactive.

16. District of Columbia Resident Council Advisory Board:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1993 to advise the Mayor and the Director of the Housing Authority on the management and upkeep of public housing and the quality of life for tenants.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The current law governing the DC Housing Authority requires that 3 representatives of its Board of Trustees reside in public housing and provide views from the residents' perspective thereby eliminating the need for a dedicated council to advise on public housing tenant issues.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 1994. This Advisory Board is inactive.

17. District of Columbia Securities Advisory Committee:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2000 to advise the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking ("DISB") on all phases of the

securities business including matters pertaining to the administration of District laws on the regulation of securities, agents, broker-dealers and issuers.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The function of the Advisory Committee is complete as DISB is well established for the proper administration of the regulation of securities by the District.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2003. This Advisory Committee is inactive.

18. District of Columbia Small and Local Business Opportunity Commission:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2005 to hear appeals when a business enterprise's application for certification as a local, small or disadvantaged business was denied by the Department of Small and Local Business Development ("DSLBD").

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: Both DSLBD and OBC recommend that the appeals functions of the Commission be transferred to the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH"). OAH is the District government's adjudicatory body that makes impartial decisions when applicants appeal agency administrative decisions.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2010. With 8 of the 9 seats vacant, the Commission is inactive.

19. District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Board:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1935 to hear appeals from denied unemployment compensation claims.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Board's powers and duties were eliminated from the statute. The functions of the Board were transferred to the Department of Employment Services in 1993, leaving the Board without any functions.

Current Operational Status: There are no records of when members were last appointed. This Board is inactive.

20. District of Columbia Vehicle Theft Prevention Council

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2002 to advise and help with motor vehicle theft law enforcement, prosecution, and prevention, and to conduct community-education programs to reduce the incidence of motor vehicle theft in D.C.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: There is no longer a need for this Council. The Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Commission was enacted into law after the establishment of the Council and has similar and duplicative duties. The Commission is in the process of being reconstituted and appointments will be made shortly.

Current Operational Status:

No members have been appointed since 2002. This Council is inactive.

21. District of Columbia Youth Investment Collaborative:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2002 to guide policy for the child, youth, and family services within the District of Columbia and to ensure a seamless approach to the development of policy, planning, and service delivery.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Collaborative is no longer needed and its functions have been subsumed by other entities and structures. For example, the Deputy Mayors for Education and Health and Human Services have jointly developed a comprehensive Cradle-to-Career Partnership, “Raise DC” which connects resources to provide every young person the opportunity for success from cradle to career. The Raise DC initiative is fluid with constant and continued support and input, from innovative leaders from across public, private, nonprofit and philanthropic sectors to reshape the District’s infrastructure for the promulgation of a smarter and more integrated way of organizing existing funds, initiatives, and resources for children and youth.

Current Operational Status: No appointments were ever made. This Board is inactive.

22. Environmental Planning Commission:

Original Intent: This Commission was originally created in 1986 to propose a comprehensive plan for preventing and reducing litter and solid waste, and to advise the Department of Public Works on the implementation of the plan.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The functions of the Commission are complete. However, the statute does not contain a sunset provision. Furthermore, the District Department of the Environment will use recommendations from the public, working groups, civic leaders, governmental agencies and consultants to design an implementation strategy to achieve sustainability goals by early 2013 as part of the Mayor’s Sustainable D.C. initiative.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2002. The Commission is inactive.

23. Gas Station Advisory Board:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1977 to require District gas station owners to petition the District government if they wanted to convert their station from full-service to a self-service station. The Board was tasked with making recommendations to the Mayor on these petitions.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: Since the creation of the Board, most service stations have already converted to a mix of full and self-service gas pumps. Thus, there is no need for the Board. The association that championed the District law establishing a moratorium on conversions to self-service stations is no longer active in the District of Columbia.

Current Operational Status: No appointments have been made since 2006. This Board is inactive.

24. Green Collar Jobs Advisory Council:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2007 to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Mayor on issues such as job and enterprise development focused on improving environmental quality and to assess the supply of and demand for green collar jobs.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The functions of the Advisory Council are now performed by several District governmental agencies and private and public institutions that have constant and continued interaction with community and various stakeholders to ensure the District's leadership on sustainability issues, including Green Jobs. In addition, the functions of the Council have been subsumed in the work of the Sustainable D.C Initiative which gets input from stakeholders so that it can provide comprehensive strategies to insure that the District becomes the greenest city in the country by 2032.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2009. The Advisory Council is inactive.

25. Historical Records Advisory Board:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2002 to make recommendations to the Mayor on collecting, maintaining, preserving, and conserving the District's historical records and to coordinate and monitor all projects funded by the National Historical Publication Records Commission ("NHPRC").

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia and OBC recommend that the Board's functions be transferred to the District Office of Public Records Management, Archival Administration, and Library of Governmental Information that currently resides in the Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia and that the Public Records Administrator should be named the Historical Records Coordinator for the District of Columbia.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2006. The Board is inactive.

26. Housing Authority Advisory Committee:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2000 to advise the Mayor and the Housing Authority on the naming of candidates as public members of the Housing Authority Board and any other issues directly related to the operations of the Authority. The Committee was created when a Receiver managed the affairs of the Housing Authority and a new Housing Authority Board was being established. Five members of the Committee were designated to be representatives of specified organizations.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Housing Authority would be better served by creation of an ad hoc working group within the Authority rather than having a formal board for which there is no regular work.

Current Operational Status: There are no records of when appointments were last made. The Committee is inactive.

27. Library Enhancement Task Force:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2004 as a collaborative body to assess, support, and implement strategies to fund the enhancement and development of the D.C. Public Library ("DCPL") system. The Task Force was to review DCPL's strategic business plan for 2005-2006 and come up with its own strategic plan, within 6 months of becoming effective.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The strategic plan was submitted in 2006 completing the duties of the Task Force. Although the establishing statute did not sunset the Task Force upon submission of the strategic plan, the Task Force no longer has a function. In addition, the well-established DC Public Library Board of Trustees continues the important work of this Task Force.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2006. The Task Force is inactive.

28. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1981 to hire an executive director; to authorize and run lottery programs and games; to issue, suspend and revoke licenses to run charitable games and be lottery agents, and to conduct suspension/revocation hearings.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The functions of the Control Board are managed by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. When Congress amended the Home Rule Act in 2006 to clarify the authority of the Chief Financial Officer, it amended the Lottery statute to make the Board a subordinate office of the Office of the Chief Financial where it has not played a role for many years.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 1996. The Board is inactive.

29. Make a Difference Selection Committee:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1998 to place plaques in certain public sidewalks in support of the Make a Difference Foundation, "to promote and encourage the practice of humanitarianism and public interest advocacy by recognizing the achievements of private citizens who work in the public interest" sector.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: In 1999, Mayor's Order 99-193 delegated the authority vested in the Mayor to implement sections 6 and 9 of the Act to the Director of the Department of Public Works. Furthermore, the Mayor's Order also delegated the authority vested in the Mayor under section 6 (c) of the Act to the District of Columbia Public Space Committee. Additionally, the Committee is no longer receiving funds from the Foundation.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2002. The Committee is inactive.

30. Mayor's International Advisory Committee:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1983 to advise the Mayor on how the District of Columbia could participate in international, cultural, educational, communications and business activities and to help with the implementation of approved projects and programs designed to enhance international development in the District of Columbia.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: It appears that the Committee was never activated. Currently, the international, cultural, educational, and communications functions of the Committee reside in the Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia where they are being effectively implemented. The business development functions of the Committee currently reside in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development where they are also being effectively implemented.

Current Operational Status: There are no records of when members were last (if ever) appointed. The Committee is inactive.

31. Mayor's Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Advisory Committee:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1999 to advise the Mayor on the nature and extent of narcotics addiction and drug dependency, quality of prevention and rehabilitation programs and other drug abuse-related issues.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (“APRA”), part of the Department of Health, works with several other District agencies including the Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, and the District of Columbia Public Schools to coordinate prevention, education, and treatment for affected youth. Furthermore, APRA is actively working to develop Prevention Centers in each ward that are envisioned as dynamic hubs that engage, support, and help connect community elements needed for promoting healthy children, youth, and families as well as a drug-free District of Columbia.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2000. The Committee is inactive.

32. Notary Public Board of Review:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1973 to review and determine whether the Secretary of the District of Columbia’s decision to deny or revoke a petition for a notary public license was made correctly.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: Currently, any appeals issues of this type are resolved by the Secretary in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General. Therefore, there is no current public need for this Board. The regulation which established the Board details that appointments to the Board shall only be made when there is a public need.

Current Operational Status: The Board is inactive.

33. Occupational Safety and Health Commission:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1989 to consider appeals of any decision or order of the Occupational and Safety Health Board, representing the Mayor, which cited or penalized an employer for violation of Occupational Safety and Health rules.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: This Commission is composed of three members of the Occupational Health and Safety Board---rather than independent members---which raises the appearance of an inherent conflict of interest in the appeals process. In order to address the conflict issue, the Commission's appellate functions should be transferred to the Office of Administrative Hearings, which would conduct the same trial-type hearings without the taint of a conflict or appearance of a conflict

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2002. The Commission is current inactive.

34. Public School Modernization Advisory Committee:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2006 to develop a strategic plan and to advise the Director of the Office of Public Education Facilities Management (now merged into the Department of General Services ("DGS")) on whether spending District funds to modernize public school buildings utilized best practices and to monitor whether the District's capital funds were spent in accordance with the Mayor's priorities for educational infrastructure and the Facilities Master Plan.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The strategic plan was submitted in 2006 which completed the duties of the Committee. Although the statute did not sunset the Committee upon submission of the strategic plan, the Committee no longer has a function.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2009. The Committee is inactive.

35. Recreation Assistance Board:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 1994 to help the Recreation Enterprise Fund secure resources, expertise, and fund raising assistance. The Board would also give guidance on ways to develop and improve recreation assistance programs, hold public meetings, and help to make the public more aware of recreational programs.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: There is no longer a need for a formal board. The Recreation Enterprise Fund is active and managed through the regular agency budgeting process.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2006. This Board is inactive.

36. Security Officer Advisory Commission:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2006 to make recommendations about the training of security officers.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) now has an existing regulatory scheme in its Security Officers Management Branch that is sufficient for regulating the private security industry. In addition, MPD requires that Special Police Officers, Security Officers and Private Detective Agency Owners have knowledge of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Title 6A, Chapter 11 and Title 17 Chapters 20 and 21.

Current Operational Status: There are no records of when members were last (if ever) appointed. The Commission is inactive.

37. Technology Opportunity Development Task Force:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2007 to serve as a collaborative body to identify knowledge-based economic opportunities and emerging technology fields that could provide research and economic development opportunities for the District of Columbia. It was intended to create a comprehensive, coordinated strategy to enhance commercial activity in these fields.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: Under the establishing act, the Task Force was intended to sunset within one year of its initial meeting. However, since the task force was never activated, it never formally sunset.

Current Operational Status: No members were ever appointed.

38. Tenant Advisory Council:

Original Intent: This entity was originally created in 2005 to review the initial progress of the District’s Office of the Tenant Advocate in the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (“DCRA”) in fulfilling its mandate and also to make recommendations for improving the services of the Office.

Reason for Proposed Abolishment: The Advisory Council completed its task. The Office of the Tenant Advocate has been functioning for seven years and is well established.

Current Operational Status: No members have been appointed since 2006. The Council is inactive.

While no action is being proposed at this time, the following Boards and Commissions are preliminarily being examined and considered for possible merger or consolidation:

1. 51st Statehood Commission and the DC Statehood Delegation Fund Commission;
2. Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.

3. Child Fatality Review Committee.
4. District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Fatality Review Committee.

While no action is being proposed at this time, the following health professions licensure Boards are being reviewed in order to make recommendations regarding the creation of a single medical practice regulation entity in the District government and to transfer the hearing appeals functions to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH):

Board of Dentistry;
Board of Nursing;
Board of Dietetics and Nutrition;
Board of Nursing Home Administration;
Board of Occupational Therapy;
Board of Optometry;
Board of Pharmacy;
Board of Physical Therapy;
Board of Podiatry;
Board of Psychology;
Board of Social Work;
Board of Professional Counseling;
Board of Respiratory Care;
Board of Massage Therapy;
Board of Chiropractic;
Board of Marriage and Family Therapy;
Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

While no action is being proposed at this time, the following occupational licensure Boards are being reviewed in order to make recommendations regarding the creation of a single occupational licensing regulation entity in the District government and to transfer the hearing appeals functions to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH):

Real Estate Commission;
Board of Real Estate Appraisers;
Board of Architecture and Interior Designers;
Board of Accountancy;
Board of Barber and Cosmetology;
Board of Industrial Trades;
Board of Professional Engineering;
Board of Funeral Directors.